

Fine Entry delivers Global Marine tri-hull crew boat



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Western Australian Boat builder Fine Entry Marine is riding a wave of popularity on the range of designs available through local naval architect Gavin Mair's company, Global Marine Design.

Fine Entry recently delivered a 10 metre by 3.5 metre utility aluminium "Air Rider" crew boat for operations out of the West Australian port of Dampier. Named 'Jilly B' the vessel carries up to 12 passengers and operates with a crew of two. Powered by

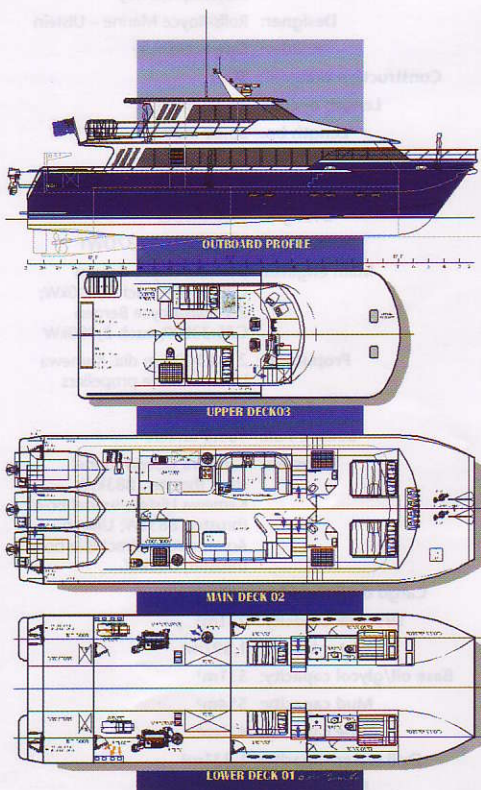


all weather conditions. Designed to force the air up into the tunnels between the hulls the "Air Rider" offers a superior ride and high fuel efficiency.

Another recent order for the Fine Entry Marine/Global Marine Design team was for a 22 metre live-aboard tourist boat to operate in the Kimberly Gorge region of Western Australia. Based around the popular 'Kimberly Escape' which was delivered in 2000, the new vessel will be operating 10-14 day tours of the Kimberly region between Broome and Wyndam.

Powered by a pair of Cummins GSM11 engines through Twin Disc transmissions to conventional FPP propellers, she will have a top speed of 18 knots and will cruise the Kimberly region at 12-14 knots. A pair of Cummins gensets will also be fitted.

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three 149kW (200hp) Mercury outboards the vessel has exceeded its required maximum speed of 40 knots and has been operating at a fully laden speed of 30 knots, making this 10 metre crew boat a fast and reliable vessel for the offshore support market.

Fine Entry Marine constructed the 'Jilly B' from a complete knock down kitset supplied by Global Marine Designs subsidiary Marine Kits Australia. Even with Fine Entry Marine's heavy workload, the company was able to complete the construction of the kitset, sea trial and deliver to a very satisfied client in only seven weeks.

Speaking with the Managing Director of Fine Entry Marine, Tim Browne, it is easy to see where the enthusiasm comes from for these smaller workboats. The cathedral hull design makes the "Air Rider" a solid, stable platform from which to operate in almost

"Air Rider"

SPECIFICATIONS

Type of vessel:	Tri-hull crew boat
Designer:	Global Marine Design, Australia
Builder:	Fine Entry Marine, Australia
Construction material:	Aluminium
Length overall:	10 metres
Beam:	3.5 metres
Main engines:	3 x 149kW (200hp) Mercury outboards
Maximum speed:	40 knots
Operating speed:	30 knots
Passengers:	12
Crew:	2

Fine Entry Marine is also building this 22 metre Global Marine designed tourist boat